

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:

- a liquid impervious outer layer;
- a liquid pervious inner layer overlaying and operatively associated with the outer layer;
- an absorbent core disposed between the outer layer and inner layer;
- an apertured film, disposed between the inner layer and the absorbent core, comprising a liquid impervious film surface having a plurality of protrusions extending therefrom towards the absorbent core, each protrusion terminating at an aperture in the apertured film; and

- a tissue layer surrounding the absorbent core and the apertured film;

- wherein the absorbent article has a 200 milliliter rewet under load of less than about 1.25 grams and a 300 milliliter rewet under load of less than about 4 grams;

- wherein the 200 milliliter rewet under load is determined by insulating the absorbent article with a first 100 milliliter dose, placing a 0.5 psi load on the area of insult for 10 minutes, measuring the 100 milliliter rewet for 10 minutes, insulating the absorbent article with a second 100 milliliter dose, placing a 0.5 psi load on the area of insult, and thereafter measuring the 200 milliliter rewet for 10 minutes; and

- wherein the 300 milliliter rewet under load is determined by insulating the absorbent article with a third 100 milliliter dose, placing a 0.5 psi load in the area of insult for 10 minutes, and thereafter measuring the 300 milliliter rewet for 10 minutes.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film covers substantially all of a surface of the absorbent core facing the inner layer.

Claim 5 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film covers an insult region of the absorbent core.

Claim 6 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the protrusions extend in a direction substantially orthogonal to the liquid impermeable film surface.

Claim 7 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the protrusions are substantially circular.

Claim 8 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the protrusions are substantially hexagonal.

Claim 9 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the protrusions are substantially linear slits.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the area of each protrusion is less at the aperture than at the liquid impervious film surface.

Claim 11 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a loft of between about 0.500 millimeters and about 1.500 millimeters.

Claim 12 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a loft of between about 0.750 millimeters and about 1.250 millimeters.

Claim 13 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a loft of about 1.000 millimeters.

Claim 14 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a porosity of between about $71.5^3 \text{ air/min.m}^2 \text{ film}$ and about $122^3 \text{ air/min.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 15 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a porosity of between about $84.0^3 \text{ air/min.m}^2 \text{ film}$ and about $109^3 \text{ air/min.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 16 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a porosity of about $96.5^3 \text{ air/min.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 17 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a drain rate of between about $597 \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \text{ film}$ and about $995 \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 18 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a drain rate of between about $697 \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \text{ film}$ and about $896 \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 19 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the apertured film has a drain rate of about $796 \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \text{ film}$.

Claim 20 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a 200 milliliter rewet under load of less than about 0.80 grams.

Claim 21 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a 200 milliliter rewet under load of about 0.56 grams.

Claim 22 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a 300 milliliter rewet under load of less than about 3.00 grams.

Claim 23 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a 300 milliliter rewet under load of less than about 1.94 grams.

Claim 24 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a surface wetness 30 minutes after a 40 milliliter insult of less than about 27%.

Claim 25 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a surface wetness 30 minutes after an 80 milliliter insult of less than about 70%.

Claim 26 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent article has a surface wetness 30 minutes after a 120 milliliter insult of less than about 87%.